enable them to operate the new modern machinery, ensuring timely supply of quality inputs and enforcement of production norms are the important steps being taken by Gov ernment to improve the working of the Press.

Production of Pulses

*92. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of pulses has been declining in the country and if so. what are the ieasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the deficiencies identified, for low productivity have remained unattended as a result of which the Programme of making the country self-sufficient in pulses has crashed; and

(c) if so, the persons responsible for the same and what action has been taken or proposed to be taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) No, Sir. Figures relating to the production of Pulses for the last three years are given below. These show that the production is not declining.

Year	Production (in million tonnes)
1984-85	11.96
1985-86	12.97
1986-87 (Estimated)	13.00

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Development of Bihar Sharif City

*93. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the cities in Bihar for which development scheme have been formulated by Government and the amount allocated for the purpose;

(b) whether the condition of Bihar Sharif city which is also the head quarters of Nalanda district is dep lorable; and

(c) whether Government propose to formulate any development pro gramme for this city and if so, the details thereof, and if not, the rea sons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DE-VELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha, (See below)

(b) and (c) Bihar was allocated six new towns under the Scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns, during the Seventh Five Year Plan. The State Government indicated their priority for 6 towns and these have been covered under the Scheme. They have, however, now formulated a project for the development of Bihar Sharif town also.

The details of the project, as indi cated by the State Government, are as under:—

	Rs in lakhs
1 Municipal market at Laheri Mohalla	9.00
21. Road Schemes	19.17
3. But station complex	56.56
4. Low cost sanitation	21.92
Total;	106.65

In case, on a mid-term review of the Seventh Five Year Plan, additional funds are allocated for the I.D.S.M'.T. Scheme, coverage of Bihar Sharif town under the Scheme could be considered.

Statement

Funds released for various towns in Bihar, under the Scheme of 1DSMT

(Rs. in lakhs)

Town	Amt. released upto June, 87
Sanctioned prior to 7th Plan	
1. Hajipur	42.18
2. Gopalganj	21.15
3. Saharasa	4.00
4. Daltonganj	30.00
5. Chapra	10.00
6. Dumka	18.50
7. Chaibasa	30 5C
8. Begusarai	40.00
9. Deoghar	40.00
10. Arrah	26.00
11. Hazaribagh	34.20
12. Bettiah	36.37
13. Giridih	30.70
14. Dhanvad	34.91
15. Katihar	27.70
Sanctioned during 1th Plan	
1. Siwan	27.22
2. Krishanganj	31.43
3. Sitamarhi	10.50
4. Buxer	20.00
5. Purnia	25.86
6. Nawadah Total	14.39
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State Housing Ministers Conference

*94. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA:

SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have stressed the need to speed up the work relating to housing during the recent State Housing Ministers' conference held during May this year;

(b) what are the details of the out come of the conference and whether the State Governments have sent their comments and suggestions in this regard; and

(c) if so, what \are the details thereof and further steps taken to boost the housing activities in the country?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 24 resolutions dealing with various aspects of housing, with special emphasis on devising suitable policies and programmes to promote and step up housing for the poor, the economically weaker sections and the low income groups, were adopted by the Conference. The Resolutions have already been forwarded to State Governments and UT Administrations for appropriate follow-up action.

(c) Various measures like formulation ot a detailed National Housing Policy, setting up of National Housing Bank and housing finance intermediaries, launching of IYSH National demonstration projects in the context of the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless-1987. review of certain laws affecting housing activity, etc. have been undertaken or are under way.

Formulation of a national water policy

*95. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have formulated a National Water Policy to overcome the drought which is prevailing in various parts of the country;

(b) if *so,* what are the salient features thereof; and

(c) whether it will solve the interstate problem of water sharing also?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARAN-AND): (a) to (c) The National Water Policy, which is under formula-